

In the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph of page 4 by deleting the first sentence as follows:

~~This object is achieved via a composition as claimed in claim 1.~~ The invention therefore provides a composition, in particular a pulverulent (powder) masterbatch, comprising at least one nanoclay based on a swellable inorganic layered material, where the nanoclay has been modified with at least one siloxane component (A) and with at least one non-anionic organic component (B) which has at least one aliphatic or cyclic radical having from 6 to 32 carbon atoms.

Basis of Amendment

The applicant amends the specification to remove the first sentence of the first paragraph on page 4 to clarify the application. Language such as the deleted language is commonly used in German applications but is not normally present in U.S. applications and could be confusing. Therefore, this sentence is deleted. This language was not intended to place any limitations on the scope of the invention. No new subject matter is introduced by this amendment to the specification.